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Westly Pays Schools \$276 Million in Lottery Cash

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today issued quarterly payments totaling \$276.1 million to school districts, educational institutions and state agencies from the Lottery Education Fund.

“California’s public schools always benefit from lottery funds, but they’re especially welcome during tough financial times,” Westly said.

Payments to K-12 schools and community colleges are made to county treasurers, who distribute money to school districts. Funds for the University of California and Hastings College of Law are sent directly to those institutions. The funds for the State departments are deposited directly in their accounts.

The Controller’s Office makes quarterly payments based on Lottery income and unclaimed on-line prizes. Proposition 20, which voters passed in March 2000, requires that a certain percentage of any increase in lottery funds over the base 1997-98 fiscal year be used to purchase instructional materials.

The money for the quarter ending December 31, 2004 will be distributed as follows:

	<i>Non Prop-20</i>	<i>Prop 20</i>
K-12	\$219,473,333	\$0
Community Colleges	37,831,634	
California State University	10,991,192	
University of California	6,690,740	
Hastings College of the Law	41,789	
Dept. of Youth Authority	85,865	
Dept. of Education – State Special Schools	31,516	
Dept. of Developmental Services	598,666	
Dept. of Mental Health	314,063	
Total	\$276,058,798	\$0

Detailed quarterly payment data for fiscal year 2004-05 and annual summary data since fiscal year 1985-86 are available on the State Controller’s web site at www.sco.ca.gov/ard/payments/lottery/index.shtml

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